

MINE OPERATORS BLAMED FOR THE HERRIN MASSACRE

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by A. Thornton, a Marion, Ill., policeman.

"I couldn't identify gunmen."

"You don't know who did the shooting, do you?" asked Coroner

William M. McCowan, a stoop-

shouldered figure in gray summer

suits.

"No, sir," replied the witness.

"I just saw the substance of his tes-

timony and of those who followed.

Col. Samuel H. Hunter, infan-

try, Illinois national guard, who has

been here for 10 days, and who is

regularly asked the adjutant gen-

eral of the state to send troops for

protection of the nonunion miners,

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Coal company last Sunday

night. Colonel Hunter testified that

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property, and that he also urged

that these sentries walk their posts

about arms.

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begged Mr. Lester, not to do this

thing. They told him that as soon

as he brought armed guards into

this county it would mean trouble.

"They, the operators, told him

they meant to go ahead mining coal.

I went to business men and told

them what it meant. It would only

intensify the situation in the minds

of the men.

"The operators expected to go

ahead till early fall when the miners

got hungry.

"If the miners would not submit

to the restoration of the 1917 scale,

the operators intended to blow the

whistle for war.

"Wanted Inexperienced Men.

"They lamented the fact that the

state qualification act providing that

a man must have two years' experi-

ence before he could mine coal in

Illinois was legal fact.

"It was further said that this qual-

ification board, as constituted by

governor under special act of the

legislature was dominated by the

miners' organization of Illinois.

"That because of that fact the coal

operators would be unable to fill

the mines with nonunion labor who

would successfully pass an examina-

tion prepared by this board.

"These and other statements of like

character were continuously carried

in the press and disseminated among

the miners until it created a feeling

among the men that the operators

had for their purpose refusal to

meet the miners.

"This feeling which existed up to

April 1 was that the destruction of

the miners' organization for the

weakening of its influence was

sought.

"Because of these sinister influ-

ences, I recommend to Mr. Lester's

friends that they insist that he not

attempt to import men to take the

places of those who were discharged

or who refused to load coal under

his protection at the mine.

"It was told by Doctor Lester's

friends that after discussing this,

he and his associated officers real-

ized the seriousness of the propo-

sition and had concluded not to run

the mine.

"Another property in which Mr.

Lester was interested along the lat-

ter part of May or first of June, re-

ceived orders to discharge all men

employed by them that the jobs on

which they were working was finish-

ed.

"These men were members of our

organization. They appealed to the

miners' organization but that his

places were being filled by the

night crews of the Southern Illinois

Coal company.

"The officials of this district dis-

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charged, as well as the superinten-

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that the night crew was expected on

a new job of construction work

which the United Mine Workers had

no jurisdiction.

"Stiger admitted that possibly

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